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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 22 are pending in the application. The Examiner has subjected the claims to a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement, and has required that Applicant elect one of the following groups of claims for examination:

I. Claims 1 to 18, 21, and 22, drawn to a process for preparing an adhesive solution, classified in class 524, subclass various.

II. Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a process for preparing a crosslinked adhesive solution, classified in class 524, subclass various.

The Examiner has stated that the inventions are distinct from each other because they are related as processes for producing mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship, and that in the instant case, the intermediate process of Group I is deemed to be useful as in and of itself without the presence of an additional ingredient, which would react in situ to produce a mutually exclusive final product. The Examiner has also stated that claims 1 to 22 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species defining the claimed adhesive system, and that the election of an ultimate species for each component present in Applicants' ultimate species of composition is requested.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction and election of species requirements and maintain that the instant claims should be examined together. Applicants are of the position that the Group II claims can be examined together with the Group I claims without undue burden, as can the various species encompassed by the instant claims.

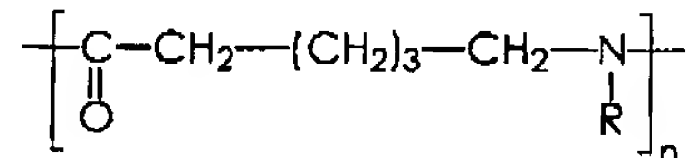
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In the event that the Examiner persists in the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the Group I claims (claims 1 to 18, 21, and 22) for prosecution.

In the event that the Examiner persists in the election of species requirement, Applicants elect the following species for each of the claim elements:

alcohol in adhesive solution: mixture of methanol and 1-propanol.

polymer in adhesive solution: polyamide of the general formula



wherein R is a methylene methoxy group and n is a number of from about 50 to about 1,000.

charge transporting molecule in charge transport solution: dihydroxy tetraphenyl biphenylene diamine.

solvent other than alcohol in charge transport solution: ethyl acetate.

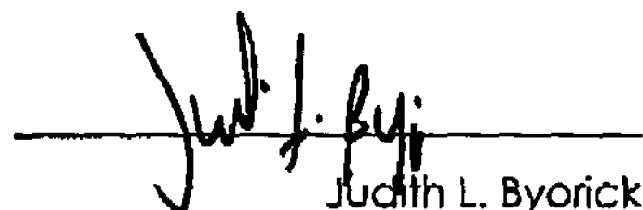
electrically conductive filler in filled solvent solution: carbon black.

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solvent in filled solvent solution: 1-propanol.

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